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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office action in the above-referenced case.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

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documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF RELATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, as clarified by § 2001.06(c) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Applicant hereby notifies the Examiner that the litigation involving U.S. Patent No. 6,119,107 (the '107 patent), from which the above-identified application is a continuation, has been concluded. Notably, the court found the '107 patent to be valid and enforceable. See the Order of Judgment, attached as Exhibit A. Also attached are the Joint Motion for Entry of Order of Judgment, attached as Exhibit B, and the Supplemental Joint Motion for Entry of Order of Judgment, attached as Exhibit C.

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